

REMARKS

In accordance with the above-amendments, claims 25, 35, 38, 46, 48 and 55 have been amended. Claims 34, 45, 49 and 55 have been canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer of any subject matter therein. Applicants retain the right to pursue any and all such claims in future divisional or continuing applications. New claims 59-64 have been added. Thus, claims 25-28, 31-32, 35-36, 38-39, 43-49 and 53-64 remain under consideration in this application.

It is believed that the amendments to independent claim 25 render that claim allowable and the other independent claim should also be of a scope which should be allowable. In this regard, it is believed that the distinguishing features of the side-loading container handling device of element (d) in claim 25, element (d) of claim 48 and claim 55 is adequately distinguished regardless of whether the main arms are operated by a double-ended hydraulic rotary actuator or not and whether the narrow profile exhibited by the device is required to be within the width of the collection vehicle. These limitations have been provided in new dependent claims 59-64.

In view of the above amendments, taken together with the remarks herein, it is believed that the present claims overcome the pending rejections under 35 USC § 103 and should all be allowable.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the present rejections and allowance of the present claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION

I hereby certify that the foregoing Amendment Under 37 CFR 1.111 in response to the Official Action mailed January 11, 2006 in application Serial No. 10/611,537, filed on July 1, 2003, of Claudiu D. Pruteanu et al., entitled "FULL-EJECT AUTOMATED SIDE/FRONT LOADING COLLECTION VEHICLE", and a Transmittal Letter are being sent by facsimile transmission to: The Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on March 2, 2006.



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